

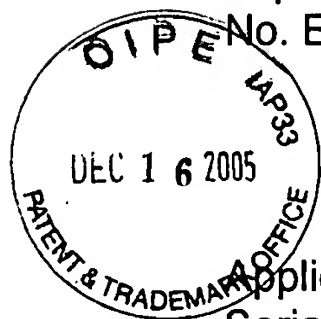
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**AMENDMENT B**

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In response to the Office action dated September 19, 2005 please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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